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May 13, 2005

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Att'n Docketing Department, Office of Regulatory Staff
P.O. Box 11263
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Docket No. 2005-87-WS
CUC, Inc.

Gentlemen:

In response to your Notice of Filing and Hearing on behalf of CUC, Inc. for a rate increase for water and sewage services to its customers at Callawassie Island and Spring Island in Beaufort County, South Carolina, the undersigned, as President of the Spring Island Property Owners Association, hereby requests the Public Services Commission to grant and schedule a hearing in Beaufort County prior to the hearing currently scheduled for September 8th, 2005 in Columbia, SC. This motion is made on behalf of the approximately 1,050 Spring Island and Callawassie Island customers of CUC who would be adversely affected by said proposed rate increases and who would be greatly inconvenienced by having to attend the hearing in Columbia on September 8th.

The proposed rate increase is substantial and patently unwarranted, and the Notice of Hearing is devoid of any statement regarding the necessity of such a huge increase as proposed by CUC.

We are prepared to offer suitable facilities on Spring Island to conduct a hearing and accommodate the many property owners who oppose any increase in water rates at this time, absent substantial evidence to the contrary.

While we are not opposed to a modest increase in water fees we will not as a community stand by and accept a substantial increase from CUC, Inc. without an opportunity to be heard and to compel CUC to financially justify its position that such an increase is warranted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gil Patrick", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Gil Patrick
President and General Manager**

**CC: Steven G. Mikell, Esq.
William L. Bethea, Esq.
Spring Island Board of Directors
John Adams, Callawassie Island**